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The Indian Travois

BEFORE THE SPANIARDS LANDED IN THE NEW WORLD WITH THEIR HORSES AND MULES, THE INDIANS TRAVELED ON FOOT. THEIR ONLY BEASTS OF BURDEN WERE DOGS. THEY WERE HUGE WOLF-LIKE ANIMALS AND WERE CAPABLE OF CARRYING LOADS WEIGHING AS MUCH AS THIRTY POUNDS. AFTER THE HORSES STARTED DRIFTING NORTH AND THE INDIANS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN

DOGS, THEY MUST HAVE FIGURED ON THE THEORY THAT A HORSE CAN PULL A HEAVIER LOAD THAN HE CAN CARRY. THE INDIANS OF THE PLAINS DIDN'T SEEM TO KNOW THE PRINCIPLE OF THE WHEEL. AT LEAST THEY NEVER USED ANY KIND OF WHEELED RIG. THE PUEBLO INDIANS USED THE "CARRETA," OR CART, HAVING TWO WHEELS, WHICH THEY PULLED WITH OXEN. WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY GOT THIS FROM THE MEXICANS. THE NAVAJO INDIANS USED BURROS FOR PACKING WOOD AND WATER TO THEIR VILLAGES, WHICH WERE ALWAYS BUILT ON THE TOP OF SOME DRY BARREN MESA. TODAY IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE AN INDIAN RIDING IN AN AUTOMOBILE, BUGGY, OR SICKBOARD.



CAPTURING SOME OF THEM, THEY USED THEM ONLY FOR SADDLE ANIMALS AND NEVER PACKED THEM. THEY RIGGED UP A CONTRIVANCE KNOWN AS A TRAVOIS. THIS WAS TWO LONG POLES TIED TOGETHER, ACROSS THE HORSE'S SHOULDERS AND HAVING A PLATFORM OF POLES LASHED TO THE BACK. THE LOAD WAS WRAPPED IN A BUFFALO HIDE, THEN TIED ON THE PLATFORM, AND WAS DRAGGED BEHIND THE HORSE. WHY THESE INDIANS DIDN'T USE PACK ANIMALS IS NOT KNOWN, ESPECIALLY AFTER HAVING PACKED



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The Lone Ranger

AND THE PONY RIDER

IN 1860, MAIL IS RUSHED
FROM MISSOURI TO CALIFORNIA
IN ONLY EIGHT DAYS BY THE
• • PONY EXPRESS! • •



A PONY RIDER'S HORSE
IS SHOT DOWN...!



NOW TUH GIT A LOOK
AT THAT MAIL SACK!



THIS SHOULD BE
WORTH PLENTY TO
DUDE DUDLEY!!



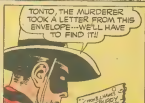
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HEAR SHOOTING!

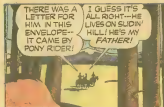


A PONY RIDER! SEE IF
YOU CAN FIND TRACKS OF
HIS KILLERS!









DON'T MENTION THAT I HAVE THIS ENVELOPE!

RIDE! GO ON UP SLIDIN' HILL AND SEE DAD, BUT BE CAREFUL—THE SHALE IS TREACHEROUS! I'LL SEND THE SHERIFF ON A BLIND LEAD!



JANE! WHERE'D THAT MASKED KILLER GO? HE SHOT A PONY RIDER!

BY THE SOUTH TRAIL AROUND SLIDIN' HILL!



GOOD!

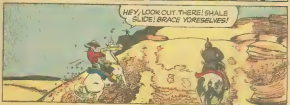
MISS PURDY'S A BRICK! SHE SENT THE LAWMEN ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

NOW WE SEE MISTER PURDY!

TONTO! GET READY FOR TROUBLE!



HEY, LOOK OUT THERE! SHALE SLIDE! BRACE YOURSELVES!





EVERY TIME I
WORK I START
A SHALE-
SLIDE!

THE SHALE
WILL HIDE
OUR TRACKS
FROM THE
SHERIFF!

NOW, GOPHER, GET A DEED TO
THE LAND BELOW PURDY'S---
THEN BUILD A HOUSE, AND
WE'RE READY TO COLLECT!

MEANWHILE--IN TOWN--

IF WE KNEW WHAT THE LETTER
FROM WASHINGTON SAID, WE
MIGHT HAVE A CLUE!

BUT WHY SHOULD ANYONE
KILL THE PONY RIDER TO
GET THE LETTER?

MR. GRANT WOULD EITHER BUY
MY GOLD MINE OR SAY HE
WASN'T INTERESTED!

LET'S HAVE A
LOOK AT YOUR
TUNNEL!

SURE!
FOLLOW
ME!!

THE ONLY FAULT WITH
THIS CLAIM IS THE
STEEP HILLSIDE!

IT'S A
TOUGH
CLIMB!

AND THE LOOSE
ROCK MAKES IT
EVEN TOUGHER!

IT'S A
GOOD-
LOOKING
TUNNEL!



HOW D'YOU DO,
JANE! WE'RE
TO BE NEIGH-
BORS!

NEIGHBORS!!

I'VE JUST BOUGHT
THE LAND AT THE
FOOT OF SLIDIN'
HILL!

DUDLEY,
WHAT
ARE YOU
UP TO?

HERE'S MY NAME AS WITNESS, DUDLEY!
BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT LAND TO
YOU?

OH I PLAN TO RESELL
IT, SHERIFF, AND MAKE
A NICE PROFIT!

TO WHOM,
MR. DUDLEY?

TO YOUR FATHER! AND
HE'LL BUY IT-OR ELSE!

WAIT TILL DAD HEARS WHAT A
SLICK TRICK DUDLEY'S PLAYING!

YOU'D BETTER GET
DOWN THE HILL AT
ONCE!

WHY?



DUDLEY CAN STOP WORK ON THE MINE, BECAUSE WE CAN'T WORK IT WITHOUT A ROCK SLIDE ON HIS LAND!



AND NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED!! HERE COMES THE SHERIFF!



WE'LL WAIT INSIDE THE TUNNEL AND HEAR WHAT THE SHERIFF SAYS!



PURDY, I HATE TO DO THIS!



I KNOW! JANE TOLD ME ABOUT DUDE'S TRICK!



IS DUDE WITHIN HIS LEGAL RIGHTS!



I'M SORRY TO SAY YOU CAN'T WORK YOUR MINE!



BUT WHAT DOES HE WANT?

YOU CAN'T WORK THE MINE WITHOUT SLIDING ROCK DOWN ON DUDE'S LAND! HE'S PUTTIN' UP A HOUSE AND CAN CLAIM IT'S HIS HOME!

























THE ONE
STOLEN
FROM
THE PONY
RIDER?



BUT NOW,
THANKS TUH
DUDE... I
CAN'T SELL!











The Lone Ranger

AND THE ELECTION PLOT







YES, THEY'RE COMIN' TUN GIT ME, BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK. WHAT THEY'LL DO WILL BE WORSE THAN KILLIN' ME! AN' NOBODY CAN STOP 'EM!



IT'S UNDERSTOOD, FINDLEY, OUR TWO GANGS WORK TOGETHER TILL AFTER THE ELECTION, THEN EACH OF US GOES OUR OWN WAY.

RIGHT!



THERE THEY COME, FINDLEY'S GANG AN' DRUMM AND HIS GANG!

BUT, SHERIFF BLAKE, HOW DO YOU HEAR, THEY'RE COMING TO GET YOU?

IT'S THAT BIZZARD, SUM HANCOCK! HE BROUGHT 'EM HERE, HE'D OUT TUN GIT ME!



WHAT HAS SUM HANCOCK GOT AGAINST YOU, BLAKE?

THE ELECTION HE'S RUNNIN' AGAINST ME!

HANCOCK? RUNNING FOR SHERIFF?











WELL, YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED, BOYS. THE
LONE RANGER IS SHERIFF BLAKE'S FRIEND.
IF I'M SHERIFF, YOU BOYS CAN
LIVE IN TOWN!



AND DO WHAT WE
PLEASE WITHOUT
THE LAW
TOLERATING
US, BOY
SLIM?

RIGHT!

WELL, YOU'RE
HERE
TODAY.
YOU IN
OFFICE!



BLAKE, I CALLED ON
SLIM HANCOCK.

NOW YOU KNOW
HE'S BEHIN' FER
OFFICE!



YES!

WELL, THERE'S NOTHIN' YOU
CAN DO ABOUT IT.



BLAKE HAS EVERY OUTLAW IN THE
COUNTRY HERE TO VOTE FOR HIM.



I KNOW IT, AND I CAN'T
ARREST EM!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU CAN
DO.



SHERIFF BLAKE, THERE IS ONE WAY
TO BEAT SLIM
HANCOCK!

HOW?



I'VE LET SLIM AND
THE OUTLAWS KNOW
THAT I'M IN TOWN
AND ON YOUR
SIDE!

YEAH? HOW'LL
THAT WIN
THE ELECTION
FOR ME?

















The STORY of the HORSE

THE FIRST HORSES THAT SCIENCE
KNOW ABOUT WERE LITTLE
ANIMALS LIVING 50,000,000 YEARS AGO
IN AMERICA'S FORESTS.



ECHIPPUS (THE DAWN HORSE)
WAS ONLY A FOOT HIGH,
HALF THE LENGTH OF A
THOROUGHBRED'S HEAD.

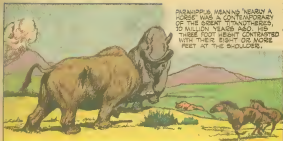


THE FRONT FEET
OF ECHIPPUS HAD
FOUR TOES. THE BACK FEET, THREE. HE
ATE LEAVES, BEING TOO SMALL AND SLOW
TO LEAVE THE ANCIENT FORESTS.



AS AGES PASSED, THE CLIMATE OF THE EARTH
CHANGED, BRINGING CHANGES IN THE PLANTS
AND ANIMALS. PLAINS APPEARED. ECHIPPUS WAS
REPLACED BY A LARGER, FASTER BORN, MESOIPPUS, OR MIDDLE HORSE.
THE LEGS WERE LONGER, AND THE CENTER TOE OF EACH FOOT HAD BECOME
MUCH THE LONGEST. HE WAS AS LARGE AS A COLLIE DOG.

PLIOHIPPIUS, MEANING "NEARLY A HORSE" WAS A CONTEMPORARY OF THE GREAT TITANOTHERES, 10 MILLION YEARS AGO. HIS THREE FOOT HEIGHT CONTRASTED WITH THEIR EIGHT OR MORE FEET AT THE SHOULDER.



PACHIPPUS BECAME THE FIRST ONE-TOED HORSE, HIS OTHER TOES LYING UNDER THE SKIN.



THE FIRST TRUE HORSES APPEARED 1,000,000 YEARS AGO AND —



THE FIRST TRUE MEN HUNTED THEM FOR FOOD, ON OUR WESTERN PLAINS.



CRUDE AS MAN'S WEAPONS WERE IN THE EARLY STONE AGE, IN ONE OF THEIR CAMP SITES HAVE BEEN FOUND THE BONES OF AT LEAST 100,000 HORSES.



IN THE MIDDLE STONE AGE MAN HUNTED THEM WITH BOWS AND ARROWS. THE DOG WAS HIS COMPANION.



HOWEVER, HE WAS ONLY USED FOR MEAT, MILK, SKIN OR SACRIFICE.



THE CART WAS INVENTED BY A PEOPLE WHO DID NOT HAVE HORSES, BUT THERE CAME A DAY WHEN THE HORSE-OWNING TRIBES, CAPTURED A CART AND HITCHED HORSES TO IT.







TODAY ALL HORSES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN CLASSES, THOSE USED TO DRAW LOADS, AND THOSE WORKED UNDER SADDLE.

GENERATIONS OF CAREFUL BREEDING HAVE MADE THE DESERT ARABIAN ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST, AND MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL SADDLE HORSES.



ENGLAND FIRST DEVELOPED THE THOROUGHBRED, FASTEST OF THE WORLD'S HORSES, ABLE TO COVER A MILE WITH A RIDER IN ONE MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS.



HEATHERBLOOM SET A HIGH JUMPING RECORD OF 8 FEET, -3 INCHES.



THE RACING TROTTERS AND PACERS ARE AN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT. THE SELONG GREYHOUND TROTTED A MILE IN ONE MINUTE - 35 1/2 SECONDS.



THE LARGEST OF THE DRAFT BREEDS IS THE BELGIAN. A STALLION MAY WEIGH 2500 LBS. AND STAND 6 FEET (18 HANDS) AT THE SHOULDER. HE IS A TREMENDOUS CONTRAST TO HIS ANCESTOR, CAT-SIZE EGYPTIAN.



PACK ANIMALS

PACK TRAINS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SETTLING OF THE WEST EVER SINCE HERNÁNDEZ CORTÉZ FIRST LANDED MULES AND HORSES ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. MANY BIG COW-OUTFITS THAT HAVE GRADING PERMITS ON THE FOREST RESERVES USE PACK HORSES FOR CARRYING SUPPLIES INTO THEIR COW CAMPS. THE FOREST SERVICE OWNS HUNDREDS OF PACK MULES WHICH ARE USED TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT TO FOREST FIRES THAT BREAK OUT IN AREAS WHICH CANNOT BE REACHED BY WAGON OR TRUCK. ALMOST EVERY COWBOY OWNS A PACK HORSE. IN ADDITION TO HIS SADDLE HORSE, WHICH HE USES FOR CARRYING HIS BEDROLL AND OTHER BELONGINGS WHEN DRIFTING FROM ONE JOB TO ANOTHER. DURING THE WAR, THE



ARMY USED HUNDREDS OF MULES FOR PACKING SUPPLIES TO TROOPS DURING THE HEAVY MOUNTAIN FIGHTING IN ITALY. PACK MULES ARE USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE MOUNTAINS

OF MEXICO FOR TRANSPORTING ORE FROM MINES WHICH CAN BE REACHED ONLY BY TRAIL. SOME OF THESE PACK TRAINS NUMBER AS MANY AS FIFTY ANIMALS AND CAN CARRY AS MUCH AS FIVE OR SIX TONS OF ORE EACH TRIP. THESE ANIMALS ARE THE WILY LITTLE MEXICAN MULE WHICH WEIGHS AROUND SEVEN OR EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS. MANY STRANGE CHARGES HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY PACK TRAIN. IN ONE INSTANCE A PIANO WAS

SUSPENDED ON POLES BETWEEN TWO MULES, ONE WALKING AHEAD OF THE OTHER, AND CARRIED OVER SEVEN MILES OF NARROW, WINDING TRAIL TO A SUMMER RESORT. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE MULES CARRYING FULL-SIZE DOUBLE BEDS, STOVES, LUMBER, AS LONG AS FOURTEEN FEET, OR OTHER SUCH UNWIELDY PACKS. THE PROSPECTOR AND HIS BURROS ARE A FAMILIAR SIGHT ON THE DESERTS OF THE SOUTHWEST. THESE HARDY



LITTLE ANIMALS ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING TREMENDOUS LOADS. THEY CAN TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES WITHOUT WATER AND STAY IN GOOD CONDITION ON THE SCANTIEST FOOD. THE OLD DESERT RAY COULDN'T FIND A PACK ANIMAL MORE SUITED TO HIS NEEDS. MULES AND BURROS ARE MORE SURE-FOOTED THAN HORSES. A HORSE CAN BE RIDEN OR WILL FOLLOW A MAN ALMOST ANYWHERE, TRUSTING HIS JUDGMENT, BUT A MULE OR BURRO CANNOT BE FORCED OVER A PLACE HE CONSIDERS UNSAFE. THAT IS WHERE THEY GOT THE NAME OF BEING STUPID. MORE THEY'RE JUST SMART.

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